

# Community News

## Elba Masonic Lodge #170 crowns Tri-County Valentine Queens



**Baby Miss:** (left to right) Ashlyn Brooke Gilley, 2nd runner-up; Taylor Renee Stanton, Baby Miss Tri-County Valentine; Felicity Sanders, 1st runner-up.



**Tiny Miss:** (left to right) Nina Alexandra Sawyer, 2nd runner-up; Haley Leighann Cook, Tiny Miss Tri-County Valentine; Zoe Bradley, 1st runner-up.



**Little Miss:** (left to right) Haylee Jones, 1st runner-up; Kelli Behrens, Little Miss Tri-County Valentine; Meagan Crutchfield, 2nd runner-up.



**Mini Miss:** (left to right) Lauren McClung, 2nd runner-up; Victoria Brooke Stinson, Mini Miss Tri-County Valentine; Summer Parker, 1st runner-up.

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Elba Masonic Lodge #170 hosted its annual Tri-County Valentine's pageant in February. A queen and the runners-up were crowned in all categories including:

Baby Miss, Tiny Miss, Tot Miss, Little Miss, Mini Miss, Jr. Miss and Miss. Congratulations to all these young ladies!!



**Junior Miss:** (left to right) Tonya LaShae Faulkner, 1st runner-up; Anna Cara Collier, Junior Miss Tri-County Valentine; Morgan Mae Trawick, 2nd runner-up.



**Miss:** (left to right) Valerie Mitchell, 2nd runner-up; Tyre Dale Anderson, Miss Tri-County Valentine; Jessica Shannon Kelley, 1st runner-up.

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**Adult basketball tournament March 3 & 4 in Elba**

The Elba High School Gymnasium will be the site for adult basketball action this weekend during SCOUT SHOOTOUT 2000. The 2-day event is a 16 team, double elimination, full court adult tournament sponsored by Elba Boy Scout Troop 37.

Tournament action will begin Friday at 6 p.m. with games played simultaneously in the Elba High School gymnasium and adjacent practice gym. Play resumes Saturday morning at 8 a.m. Admission charge for spectators each day will be \$2, with children 12 and under admitted free (when accompanied by a parent). Food and beverages will be available.

**Deadline to enter  
needs for Miss Elba  
and ZC contestants**

This year, the Elba Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring the Miss Elba pageants and the Miss Zion Chapel pageants on March 18. Age divisions include: Future Little Miss; age 4 - Kindergarten; Little Miss; 1st grade; Jr. Miss; 7th grade - age 16; Miss; ages 4 - 12. Entry forms may be picked up at the Elba Schools, Zion Chapel Schools, or the Chamber office located in the old Elba High School building. The entry forms and \$20 entry fee are due by March 3. They should be turned in to the Chamber office. Little Miss, Jr. Miss and Miss contestants should turn in 2 - 5x7 black and white photos (one close up and one full length) to the Chamber office by March 10.

Bridges Creek Watershed, the Upper Pea River Watershed, the Lower Pea River Watershed, and the Northeast Yellow River Watershed. Funding for these areas was justified because of potential water quality problems and the variety of agriculturally related activities.

A variety of practices are approved for cost sharing under EQIP. The sign-up for EQIP cost sharing is presently underway and will continue until March 22. Please come by the FSA Office or NRCS office in New Brockton to make application or call the NRCS office for needed information at 894-5581, Ext. 3.

Natural Resources Conservation Service District Conservationist Mike Harris announced a 2000 funding allocation of \$190,000 for Coffee County under the USDA Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). The EQIP program assists farmers in installing conservation practices to reduce erosion and manage animal/poultry wastes in order to improve water quality. The program also assists livestock owners with watering facilities and rotational grazing means in order to improve water quality in adjacent streams.

Four areas in Coffee County are approved for EQIP cost sharing. These areas include the Double

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## Coffee County's Chief Real Property Appraiser facing DUI charge

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

A Coffee County employee with the Revenue Commissioner's office was arrested last week (Wednesday, March 1) in New Brockton on DUI (Driving Under the Influence) charges.

According to reports, Angela Byrd, 34, chief real property appraiser with the mapping and appraisal office, was driving the 1998 Jeep Cherokee, a county-owned vehicle, when she was stopped by a Coffee County Sheriff's Deputy.

The sheriff's department, at approximately 1:30 p.m., received a report from a citizen that a vehicle had been observed in the Shiloh Community (U. S. Hwy. 84 just west of New Brockton) traveling east in a dangerous manner - being driven erratically. The sheriff's deputy spotted a vehicle matching the description given by the citizen in New Brockton and pulled it over.

It should be noted that the results of the latter sample by the county MRO is not for public knowledge. County policy requires that test results be maintained under strict confidentiality by the employer, the drug testing laboratory and the MRO. They can only be released by written consent of the employee. One exception to this policy is administrative proceedings arising from a positive drug test.

On the other hand, the results of the test performed by the state toxicology lab is accessible to the public.

All employees of Coffee County, or any person performing any kind of work for Coffee County, is prohibited from using prescription drugs. It states: "No

use of medication prescribed by a physician is not prohibited; however, the Commission prohibits the misuse of prescribed and/or over-the-counter medications and requires ALL employees using drugs at the direction of a physician to notify the Commission's MRO or their Drug Program Coordinator where these drugs may affect their performance, such as causing drowsiness.

After being charged with DUI, Ms. Byrd was taken to a medical facility where two blood samples were taken. One sample was drawn as evidence and sent to the state toxicology lab to be analyzed, and the other was taken for administrative purposes as required by Coffee County policy and given to the county's medical review officer (MRO).

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Ms. Byrd was released from the county jail Wednesday night on a \$500 appearance bond on a DUI charge. In addition to the above incident, Ms. Byrd was indirectly involved in another DUI charge against an individual, Anthony Brandt, who was allegedly operating the 1998 Jeep Cherokee assigned to Ms. Byrd. Brandt shares a residence with Ms. Byrd in Enterprise.

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On January 15, Brandt was stopped by Enterprise police while driving the Jeep Cherokee with a tag registered to another vehicle on it instead of the county tag. The county decal had been removed from the vehicle. He was charged with DUI and unauthorized use of a vehicle. Ms. Byrd contend she did not see the vehicle the vehicle in Enterprise.

The above incident resulted in 12 county vehicles being parked on county property when not being

used for county business.

Ms. Byrd's legal problems are not limited to the encounter on Wednesday, this incident occurred over the weekend in Enterprise.

Reportedly, members of the Coffee County Commission have expressed their hope and expectation that Ms. Byrd's immediate supervisor, Revenue Commissioner Ronnie Burns, will take the appropriate action should the drug test be positive relative to the DUI charge.

Mr. Burns has made no comment to this newspaper as to what action he will take in the matter should the results be positive.

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## EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS  
With Ferrin Cox

A newspaper friend was recently telling the story of how he and some others swap pictures of special events, such as when the President went to Selma, etc. The industry slang for asking someone to take a particular picture is to say "shoot a scene of . . ." Now in emails where that statement is used, they have started adding a p.s. at the bottom which reads, "Hey, FBI, I just want a picture." That is in case there is a real shooting and the feds decide to check reporters' e-mail records. We laughed at first, but it is probably a smart thing to do.

This is being written on Tuesday afternoon, THE Super Tuesday in the presidential election arena. It is the day the voters in a whole bunch of states go to the polls to voice preferences for their respective party's presidential candidate. Alabama is not in that bunch, so we sit back and watch the others scrap. Right now it looks as if Al Gore will lock up the Democratic nomination today and George Bush will do the same in the Republican camp. Both these men were the initial front runners and both faltered in early primaries. However, they both regrouped and appear headed to an early victory.

We received an e-mail questionnaire on the presidential candidates, kinda a fun thing to do. We answered the questions and were a bit insulted that it showed us agreeing with Al Gore 55% of the time . . . 80% of the time on government issues! We agreed with the other three major candidates - Bush, McCain and Bradley - 40% of the time overall. In searching for an excuse in siding with Al Gore, we pointed out to ourselves that some of the multiple choice questions didn't give the exact answer we would have used in a written quiz or in talking about the various issues.

Earl McCollough stopped by the office one morning recently to prove to us he does something besides ride the roads and talk. Opening a large ice chest he displayed a full cooler of iced down crappie. Now we didn't run our hands down into the cold contents to confirm the sizes on all of them, but those on top were the bragging kind! His story is that he caught the fish at Lake Eufaula the night before. He declined to give a total count (or didn't know one) and the issue was not pushed. It would have been bad for him to be bragging about a large catch and have to face the game warden with an explanation of why he had exceeded the limit.

Our e-mail gets more junk mail than the traditional mailbox these days. We are fast learning which ones to trash without even opening them. However, Tuesday morning there was this message about a great new internal combustion engine to be unveiled at an upcoming show in Detroit. Classified as among the greatest of recent inventions this cuts down on pollution, wear on components, less vibration, better gas consumption, better performances, power and less noise. Of course this was talk of the folks hoping to sell the new rotary engine to . . . well to someone.

Alabama Governor Don Siegelman will be stumping the Wiregrass Friday. He starts with a 7:00 a.m. stop in Troy. The governor will be in Andalusia for a big feed around noon. It is good to get out and meet your political leaders times like this, but don't ever expect him or her to have any quality time for you in particular. There are at least a hundred people standing around and ready to pounce on the politician's time if they see he might have a free moment.

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**TOWN HALL MEETING**  
All Citizens of Elba are invited to share their thoughts and opinions with Elba's Long Range Strategic Planning Committee. This is the second and final town meeting to discuss needs of our community.

**When: Tuesday • March 21, 2000  
Where: Elba High School Auditorium  
Time: 7:00 p.m.**

Elba's Long Range Planning Committee requests your attendance.

**Long Range Planning Committee:**  
Marion Brunson, Mickey Driggers, Jimmy Harrison, Betsy Martin, Van McCullum, Kay Whitworth, Ronnie Young

## Elba Police Report

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 29** - River stage - 4.45 (6:19 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to three burglaries, two criminal trespasses, five criminal mischiefs; two missing juveniles, one reckless endangerment, two assaults, four harassments, one possession of marijuana, one unlawful breaking and entering of a vehicle, and one possession of drug paraphernalia.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1** - River stage - 4.45 feet (6:28 a.m.); Alarm at Skinner Furniture (8:39 a.m.); Wreck reported at the Dairy Queen parking lot (3:18 p.m.).

**THURSDAY, MARCH 2** - Prowler reported on Marion Luther King Drive (12:42 a.m.); Prowler reported on West Davis Street (2:08 a.m.); Prowler reported on Marion Luther King Drive (3:35 a.m.); River stage - 4.25 feet (6:56 a.m.); Prowler reported on Brinson Circle and Rainbow Drive (4:48 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence at the intersection of Co. Rds. 356 and 357 (11:33 a.m.).

**FRIDAY, MARCH 3** - Prowler reported on Marion Luther King Drive (12:50 a.m.); River stage - 4.09 feet (6:46 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on AL Hwy. 189N (11:52 a.m.); Alarm at the Jewel Box (5:56 p.m.); Disturbance reported on Marion Luther King Drive (6:39 p.m.); Disturbance reported on Cedar Lane Drive (9:46 p.m.).

**SATURDAY, MARCH 4** - Alarm at the Big Little Store-East (2:47 a.m.); River stage - 3.92 feet (6:26 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a grass fire in the intersection of Co. Rd. 408 & 418 (8:00 p.m.); Fire department dispatched to a grass fire at the intersection of AL Hwy. 134 West (2:36 p.m.); Wreck (vehicle vs deer) on Route Avenue (2:56 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Ann Street (4:48 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence at the intersection of Co. Rds. 356 and 357 (11:01 p.m.).

**DAILY ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE WEEK ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28** - River stage - 4.44 (6:19 a.m.); Wreck reported on U.S. Hwy. 84W (4:15 p.m.); Fire department responded to a grass fire in the intersection of Co. Rd. 408 & 418 (8:00 p.m.); Fire department dispatched to a grass fire at the intersection of AL Hwy. 134 West (2:36 p.m.); Wreck (vehicle vs deer) on Route Avenue (2:56 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Ann Street (4:48 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence at the intersection of Co. Rds. 356 and 357 (11:01 p.m.).

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**SUNDAY, MARCH 6** - Prowler reported on West Davis Street (2:42 a.m.); River stage - 3.92 feet (6:26 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a grass fire in the intersection of Co. Rd. 408 & 418 (8:00 p.m.); Fire department dispatched to a grass fire at the intersection of AL Hwy. 134 West (2:36 p.m.); Wreck (vehicle vs deer) on Route Avenue (2:56 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Ann Street (4:48 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence at the intersection of Co. Rds. 356 and 357 (11:01 p.m.).

**MONDAY, MARCH 7** - River stage - 4.44 (6:19 a.m.); Wreck reported on U.S. Hwy. 84W (4:15 p.m.); Fire department responded to a grass fire in the intersection of Co. Rd. 408 & 418 (8:00 p.m.); Fire department dispatched to a grass fire at the intersection of AL Hwy. 134 West (2:36 p.m.); Wreck (vehicle vs deer) on Route Avenue (2:56 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Ann Street (4:48 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence at the intersection of Co. Rds. 356 and 357 (11:01 p.m.).

**TUESDAY, MARCH 8** - River stage - 4.44 (6:19 a.m.); Wreck reported on U.S. Hwy. 84W (4:15 p.m.); Fire department responded to a grass fire in the intersection of Co. Rd. 408 & 418 (8:00 p.m.); Fire department dispatched to a grass fire at the intersection of AL Hwy. 134 West (2:36 p.m.); Wreck (vehicle vs deer) on Route Avenue (2:56 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Ann Street (4:48 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence at the intersection of Co. Rds. 356 and 357 (11:01 p.m.).

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9** - River stage - 4.44 (6:19 a.m.); Wreck reported on U.S. Hwy. 84W (4:15 p.m.); Fire department responded to a grass fire in the intersection of Co. Rd. 408 & 418 (8:00 p.m.); Fire department dispatched to a grass fire at the intersection of AL Hwy. 134 West (2:36 p.m.); Wreck (vehicle vs deer) on Route Avenue (2:56 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Ann Street (4:48 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence at the intersection of Co. Rds. 356 and 357 (11:01 p.m.).

**THURSDAY, MARCH 10** - River stage - 4.44 (6:19 a.m.); Wreck reported on U.S. Hwy. 84W (4:15 p.m.); Fire department responded to a grass fire in the intersection of Co. Rd. 408 & 418 (8:00 p.m.); Fire department dispatched to a grass fire at the intersection of AL Hwy. 134 West (2:36 p.m.); Wreck (vehicle vs deer) on Route Avenue (2:56 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Ann Street (4:48 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence at the intersection of Co. Rds. 356 and 357 (11:01 p.m.).

**FRIDAY, MARCH 11** - River stage - 4.44 (6:19 a.m.); Wreck reported on U.S. Hwy. 84W (4:15 p.m.); Fire department responded to a grass fire in the intersection of Co. Rd. 408 & 418 (8:00 p.m.); Fire department dispatched to a grass fire at the intersection of AL Hwy. 134 West (2:36 p.m.); Wreck (vehicle vs deer) on Route Avenue (2:56 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Ann Street (4:48 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence at the intersection of Co. Rds. 356 and 357 (11:01 p.m.).

**SATURDAY, MARCH 12** - River stage - 4.44 (6:19 a.m.); Wreck reported on U.S. Hwy. 84W (4:15 p.m.); Fire department responded to a grass fire in the intersection of Co. Rd. 408 & 418 (8:00 p.m.); Fire department dispatched to a grass fire at the intersection of AL Hwy. 134 West (2:36 p.m.); Wreck (vehicle vs deer) on Route Avenue (2:56 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Ann Street (4:48 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence at the intersection of Co. Rds. 356 and 357 (11:01 p.m.).

**SUNDAY, MARCH 13** - River stage - 4.44 (6:19 a.m.); Wreck reported on U.S. Hwy. 84W (4:15 p.m.); Fire department responded to a grass fire in the intersection of Co. Rd. 408 & 418 (8:00 p.m.); Fire department dispatched to a grass fire at the intersection of AL Hwy. 134 West (2:36 p.m.); Wreck (vehicle vs deer) on Route Avenue (2:56 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Ann Street (4:48 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence at the intersection of Co. Rds. 356 and 357 (11:01 p.m.).

**MONDAY, MARCH 14** - River stage - 4.44 (6:19 a.m.); Wreck reported on U.S. Hwy. 84W (4:15 p.m.); Fire department responded to a grass fire in the intersection of Co. Rd. 408 & 418 (8:00 p.m.); Fire department dispatched to a grass fire at the intersection of AL Hwy. 134 West (2:36 p.m.); Wreck (vehicle vs deer) on Route Avenue (2:56 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Ann Street (4:48 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence at the intersection of Co. Rds. 356 and 357 (11:01 p.m.).

**TUESDAY, MARCH 15** - River stage - 4.44 (6:19 a.m.); Wreck reported on U.S. Hwy. 84W (4:15 p.m.); Fire department responded to a grass fire in the intersection of Co. Rd. 408 & 418 (8:00 p.m.); Fire department dispatched to a grass fire at the intersection of AL Hwy. 134 West (2:36 p.m.); Wreck (vehicle vs deer) on Route Avenue (2:56 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Ann Street (4:48 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence at the intersection of Co. Rds. 356 and 357 (11:01 p.m.).

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16** - River stage - 4.44 (6:19 a.m.); Wreck reported on U.S. Hwy. 84W (4:15 p.m.); Fire department responded to a grass fire in the intersection of Co. Rd. 408 & 418 (8:00 p.m.); Fire department dispatched to a grass fire at the intersection of AL Hwy. 134 West (2:36 p.m.); Wreck (vehicle vs deer) on Route Avenue (2:56 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Ann Street (4:48 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence at the intersection of Co. Rds. 356 and 357 (11:01 p.m.).

**THURSDAY, MARCH 17** - River stage - 4.44 (6:19 a.m.); Wreck reported on U.S. Hwy. 84W (4:15 p.m.); Fire department responded to a grass fire in the intersection of Co. Rd. 408 & 418 (8:00 p.m.); Fire department dispatched to a grass fire at the intersection of AL Hwy. 134 West (2:36 p.m.); Wreck (vehicle vs deer) on Route Avenue (2:56 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Ann Street (4:48 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence at the intersection of Co. Rds. 356 and 357 (11:01 p.m.).

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**MONDAY, MARCH 21** - River stage - 4.44 (6:19 a.m.); Wreck reported on U.S. Hwy. 84W (4:15 p.m.); Fire department responded to a grass fire in the intersection of Co. Rd. 408 & 418 (8:00 p.m.); Fire department dispatched to a grass fire at the intersection of AL Hwy. 134 West (2:36 p.m.); Wreck (vehicle vs deer) on Route Avenue (2:56 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Ann Street (4:48 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence at the intersection of Co. Rds. 356 and 357 (11:01 p.m.).

**TUESDAY, MARCH 22** - River stage - 4.44 (6:19 a.m.); Wreck reported on U.S. Hwy. 84W (4:15 p.m.); Fire department responded to a grass fire in the intersection of Co. Rd. 408 & 418 (8:00 p.m.); Fire department dispatched to a grass fire at the intersection of AL Hwy. 134 West (2:36 p.m.); Wreck (vehicle vs deer) on Route Avenue (2:56 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Ann Street (4:48 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence at the intersection of Co. Rds. 356 and 357 (11:01 p.m.).

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23** - River stage - 4.44 (6:19 a.m.); Wreck reported on U.S. Hwy. 84W (4:15 p.m.); Fire department responded to a grass fire in the intersection of Co. Rd. 408 & 418 (8:00 p.m.); Fire department dispatched to a grass fire at the intersection of AL Hwy. 134 West (2:36 p.m.); Wreck (vehicle vs deer) on Route Avenue (2:56 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Ann Street (4:48 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence at the intersection of Co. Rds. 356 and 357 (11:01 p.m.).

**THURSDAY, MARCH 24** - River stage - 4.44 (6:19 a.m.); Wreck reported on U.S. Hwy. 84W (4:15 p.m.); Fire department responded to a grass fire in the intersection of Co. Rd. 408 & 418 (8:00 p.m.); Fire department dispatched to a grass fire at the

## CHURCH



### ROUND & ABOUT WITH ERIA 897-2006

Scripture: Hosea 6:1-11

Thinking of you, praying for you. Hattie Bell Carpenter, Anna Pearl Carpenter, Mary Bell Belcher, Timothy Thigpen, The Daniels and Coleman Families, Antioch Coleman, John Frank Phillips Sr., Leola Mitchell, Ida Hooks, Rev. Ben Butler, Rev. J.E. Parks, Michael Manning, Jessica Pearson.

March Birthday: Grover J. Belcher - March 28 (in Memory)

Gospel Benefit Fest benefiting Bro. Timothy (Sonny) Thigpen and Sis Jane Mae Kelley will be Saturday, March 11, 2000 at 3:00 p.m. at Elba Zion Missionary Baptist Church. Mistress of the Ceremony will be Sis. Jean Caldwell. In concert: Jordan Aires Enterprise; The

New Beginners, Enterprise; Heavy Voices, Headland; Liberty Aires, Enterprise; Engman Brothers, Enterprise; New Salem Choir, Enterprise; All the great choirs are welcome to register. All donations are welcome. Sponsored by The Elba Zion Youth Department.

\*\*30th Anniversary of Rev. Marvin Powell as pastor of the McCarrel Missionary Baptist Church was March 5, 2000 at 2:30 p.m. Guest minister will be Minister Joyce Belcher Johnson, assistant pastor of Hopewell Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America, Lexington, Ala.

\*\*Youth Need to Know - African American History.

Monthly Motivation: Positive anything is better than negative nothing.

Today is a good day, be grateful! Era

### Calvary Baptist Church to host Gospel Singing

Calvary Baptist Church of Brainerd, Ala., will host a gospel singing on Saturday, March 11, at 7:00 p.m. featuring The Riley Family of Troy, Ala. Everyone is welcome.

Harris Temple C.O.G.I.C. to hold C.W.C. Workshop

Harris Temple C.O.G.I.C. of Elba will hold its annual C.W.C. Workshop on Saturday, March 25, from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Everyone is invited.

### Elba Church of God to hold Barbecue

The Elba Church of God will have a barbecue this Saturday, March 11, \$5 per plate or \$6 per pound. Pick up or deliver. Call 897-2989 or 897-1593.

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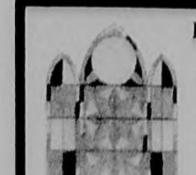
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### You Are Invited To Attend A SPRING GOSPEL MEETING at the ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST

(Located at 715 Troy Hwy., Elba, AL)

**Date: March 12th - 15th, 2000**  
**Speaker: Flavil Nichols**

**TIME: Sunday - 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m.  
Monday - Wednesday Nights, 7 p.m.  
Theme: The Gospel Plan of Salvation**



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**ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Bernard Shrockland, Pastor  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.  
Wed Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

**BASIN TITHES CHURCH**  
Rev. Sam Toten, Pastor  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.  
Wed Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

**BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Darryl Coddell, Pastor  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.  
Wed Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

**BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Albert Smith, Pastor  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.  
Wed Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

**BROOKLIN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Robert Davis, Pastor  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.  
Wed Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

**CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST**  
Rev. Bennett Abbott, Pastor  
Church Service 9:30 a.m.  
2nd & 4th Sundays  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays  
Sunday School 11:00 a.m.  
2nd & 4th Sundays

**CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST**

E. H. Hill, Minister

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship 12:00 noon

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**CHURCH DIRECTORY**

JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD  
Kinston, Rev. Stephen Dulose, Pastor

MARY ANN BELCHER, Pastor

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 a.m.  
MORN. WORSHIP 11:00 a.m.  
EVEN. SERVICE 6:00 p.m.  
WED. PRAYER SERVICE 7:00 p.m.

**ELBA CHURCH OF GOD**  
Rev. J.L. Wesley, Pastor

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 a.m.  
MORN. WORSHIP 11:00 a.m.  
SUNDAY MORNING 11:00 a.m.  
SUNDAY AFTERNOON 5:30 p.m.  
WED. SERVICE 6:15 p.m.

**ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE**  
Rev. Leon Richards, Pastor

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 a.m.  
MORN. WORSHIP 11:00 a.m.  
EVEN. SERVICE 6:00 p.m.  
WED. SERVICE 7:00 p.m.

**HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC**  
Rev. K. Ellison, Pastor

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 a.m.  
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EVEN. SERVICE 6:00 p.m.  
WED. SERVICE 7:00 p.m.

**ELBA FED. ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Rev. Homer F. Morris, Pastor

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 a.m.  
MORN. WORSHIP 11:00 a.m.  
EVEN. SERVICE 6:00 p.m.  
WED. SERVICE 7:00 p.m.

**ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Rev. John L. Baxter, Pastor

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 a.m.  
MORN. WORSHIP 11:00 a.m.  
EVEN. SERVICE 6:00 p.m.  
WED. SERVICE 7:00 p.m.

**ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Rev. Robert P. Pastor

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 a.m.  
MORN. WORSHIP 11:00 a.m.  
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Rev. D. L. Grover, Pastor

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 a.m.  
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**FARVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Rev. Jimmie Bryan, Minister

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 a.m.  
MORN. WORSHIP 11:00 a.m.  
EVEN. SERVICE 6:00 p.m.  
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**FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Diane Miller, Pastor

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# SCHOOLS

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In the automobile category Joshua Nelson won first place. Brandon Perkins won second, and Earl Jacobs won third.

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Rachel Bryan, Sponsor

## District IV FBLA Conference



Pictured above (l-r) are: front row - Dawyne Davis, Stacey Cape, Alan Sanders, Kim Jordan, Daphne Jinright, and David Eddins; second row - Jonah Edmondson, Brandon Arnold, Tracy Banks, Jessica Kelley, and Tara Grant; back row - Morgan Hodge, Amie Perry, Sarah Maddox, Heather Arnold, and Heather Danley.

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## Coffee County Schools Menu March 13 - 17, 2000

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Cheese Grits, Toast, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	French Fries, English Peas, Fruit, Ice Cream Cup, Milk
Tuesday - Waffles w/ Strawberry Glaze, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Baked Ham, Baked Turkey, Potato, French Fries, Green Beans, Corn, Tomato, Milk
Wednesday - Biscuit, Sausage, Patty w/ White Gravy, Cereal, Milk	Fried Chicken, Steak Sandwich, Blackened Peas, Mashed Potatoes, Cornbread, Fruit, Milk
Thursday - Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Fish Nuggets, Corn, Hash Browns, Fruit Rolls, Milk
Friday - Biscuit, Ham, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Cheese Pizza, Meat Loaf, Tossed Salad, Corn, Bread Slice, Fruit, Jell-O, Milk

## Elvis Presley's Brother Speaks To Students About Drug Abuse

By Morgan Hodge  
On Tuesday, Feb. 22, Rick Stanley came to Zion Chapel to speak to students in grades 8 through 12 about the effects of drug and alcohol use.

Mr. Stanley stressed to the students the importance of resisting peer pressure. He told of his own mistakes, and the lessons that could be learned from mistakes.

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## ZC Rebels 2000-2001 Cheerleaders



VARSITY CHEERLEADERS  
Pictured above (l-r) are: front row - Sarah Maddox, Mallorie Bedsole, Kim Rayburn, Whittney Stephens, Kayla Bundrick, and Amanda Perry; back row - Ashley Wambles, Heather Golden, Adam Blake, Nichole Mitchell, Christie Roberts, and Rebecca Ward.

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# SCHOOLS

## The Nation's Report Card

by Ceretha Towles

The National Assessment of Educational Progress is a congressionally mandated survey of the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), part of the U.S. Department of Education designed to measure the current status of the educational achievement of young Americans and report changes and long-term trends in the nation and regional levels. The National Assessment Governing Board (NAGB) formulates policy guidelines for NAEP.

Since 1990 NAEP assessments have been conducted on the state level. Because the national NAEP samples were not, and are not currently, designed to support the reporting of accurate and representative state level results, separate representative samples of students are selected for each participating jurisdiction. NAEP traditionally reported only on the nation as a whole and compared four geographic regions of the country. Many people believe that more detailed information would assist efforts to improve American education. Because states have the primary responsibility for public education, state-level data were seen as being particularly useful.

In April 1988 Congress responded by adding to the national assessment a new component, the trial state assessment. Under this component, every state could volunteer to participate in the program and would assume responsibility for administration of the assessment. Trial assessments were conducted in 1990, 1992, and 1994 and were evaluated thoroughly. Beginning with the 1996 assessment, the authority to administer the trial was given to NAEP assessment exercises.

The NAEP assessments of math and science have recently been administered to selected students in grade 8 at Zion Chapel. The students taking these assessments were randomly preselected. The NAEP assessments of math and science are a subset of those in the national component. After the assessments, students can compare the knowledge and skills of their students with students in other states and with the nation. In 1998, 43 states and jurisdictions participated in the state component.

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# SPORTS

Views from....

## THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Melanie has been wearing shoes of some type ever since she was in diapers, but lately there seems to be something about Melanie and shoes that just doesn't seem to get along. When she ties her shoes she likes to lace them up as loose as possible, which means they are always coming untied, and no matter where we go, she always wants to take off her shoes as soon as we get in the van. When she gets home from school her shoes are off as soon as she gets in the door, and we have to make her even put her shoes on again. She got a new pair last week, but the same is true, and I wonder if she has been a few centuries too early and was really born to be barefooted. Oh well, I guess she is comfortable!

### DUSTING OFF THE SPORTS DESK....

\*\*\* The Elba Tigers opened their 2000 baseball season last week and posted one win and one loss in opening week action. The Tigers traveled to Arinton Thursday and got spanked 10-2 by the Purple Cats, but came home Friday and rallied late to down cross-county rival Kinston 5-3. Arinton had already played 10 games prior to the Elba visit Thursday, and it showed as the Tigers' pitching and hitting was far behind that of the 'Cats. Elba fell behind 9-1 after three innings, but settled down and carried the game into seven innings before taking the loss. In the win over Kinston, Elba trailed 3-2 in the sixth, but rallied in the bottom of the sixth and pulled off the hard fought win. The Tigers looked better on the mound, but still struggled at the plate trying to connect with some wicked curve balls from the opposing pitcher. This year's Tigers aren't blessed with a lot of consistent hits. However, the Tigers do have some quality pitchers, and should be able to compete with any team on their schedule once they get settled in. Look for the Tigers to get better and better as the season rolls along.

\*\*\* The Elba Lady Tigers were scheduled to open their softball season this week, and hopes are high that the Lady Tigers can put together a winning season after last year's disappointing 17-17 campaign. This year's team is anchored by six seniors and three juniors that have been together for many years, and it will be interesting to see if the Lady Tigers will meet the challenge in front of them and make a run at the state tournament. The guess here is that this year's Lady Tigers will be big winners.

\*\*\* The Kinston Bulldogs almost upset the Elba Tigers last week in high school baseball, despite starting a team that included eight freshmen and one eighth-grader. The Bulldogs have struggled for years in baseball, but are now beginning to see some of the younger players that grew up in youth leagues grow up, and help, and it looks like wins are headed their way, real soon. The Bulldogs are skilled in every position, have solid pitching, and are very well coached, and those ingredients should come together and make Kinston a year to remember.

\*\*\* The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation served up All-Star teams to various District Basketball Tournaments last weekend, and while all four teams were eliminated in opening round play, the youngsters all played hard and represented Elba well. The boys teams were expected to be very competitive and were thought to have a chance at bringing home some wins, but both teams failed to score in the first quarter of their games, and never recovered. The girls teams were just hoping to be competitive, and did that and more as they played well and showed all in attendance that some very good players are coming up in the program. The recreation department sends All-Star teams to these tournaments as a reward for playing well during the season, but it isn't the All-Star tournaments that makes or breaks the program, it is the regular season participation, the support of the youth and their parents. Forget the tournament losses, the basketball season in Elba was a huge success.

\*\*\* I don't get the chance to watch much TV, but March Madness is now here for college basketball, and that means I may spend a few late nights in front of the tube watching tournament games. Alabama and Auburn are no threats at all to make it anywhere in post season play. However, I am a big Duke fan, like to watch Indiana, and can even pull for the other SEC teams if they play someone I really dislike. For basketball fans, the next few weeks are what it is all about.

\*\*\* While on the subject of basketball, I can't for the life of me figure out why Auburn would even expect the NCAA to back up and let Chris Porter play again this season. I guess it could still happen, but Porter took money from an agent and that is that. The reason he took the money makes no difference, he took the money, and broke an NCAA rule by doing so. Alabama had to pay the price a few years back when it happened in football, and Auburn is also accountable. Forget what the governor said and all the whining heard from Auburn's Coach Cliff Ellis. Porter broke a rule, and that is that.

\*\*\* Overall, it was great to see so many Elba fans and parents supporting our youth teams at last weekend's tournaments. Elba had as many fans as any team in all four games, and the fans were very loud with their support. The players deserved the support, and it was great!

### Coaches needed in all leagues

### Youth baseball and softball registration underway

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation began registration for youth baseball and softball on Wednesday, March 1, and continues its sign-up through Monday, March 13.

Baseball leagues will include Tee Ball (ages 5-6). Coach Pitch (ages

7-8), Dixie Minor (ages 9-10), Dixie Youth (ages 11-12), Dixie Boys (ages 13-14), Dixie Pre-Majors (ages 15-16) and Dixie Majors (ages 17-18). Ages will be determined by a players age on January 1, 2000.

Softball leagues will include Tee Ball (ages 5-6). Coach Pitch (ages

7-8), Junior Girls (ages 9-10), Pre-Teen Girls (ages 11-12) and Teen Girls (ages 13-16). Ages will be determined by a players age on January 1, 2000.

The registration fee is \$10 per player, with half being used toward the Elba City Schools, while forms may also be picked up at the Elba Recreation Center at 764 North Claxton Avenue, and return it as soon as possible. All prospective coaches should contact either the position will require many hours at practices and games, and coaches should be present at all such events. For more information call the Recreation office at 897-6833, as soon as possible, to allow for an early draft of players.

### Elba All-Star teams eliminated early at District basketball tournaments

The Elba All-Stars hit the court last weekend in the Alabama Recreation and Parks Association District 7 Basketball Tournaments, and all four teams made early exits as none of the four All-Star teams were able to post a win.

Following are highlights of the tournament action:

#### 10 AND UNDER GIRLS

##### ELBA 9

The Elba All-Stars fell behind early and never recovered Friday night in Ft. Rucker as they were eliminated by the Andalusia All-Stars 39-9. Elba's Whitney Sasser hit a pair of free-throws in the opening stanza to get the All-Stars on the scoreboard early, but Andalusia quickly took charge and by the end of the half owned a big 17-2 advantage. Elba matched Andalusia bucket-for-bucket in the third quarter, but never really challenged and suffered the opening round loss.

Whitney Sasser scored 4 points to lead Elba, while Hannah Manning (1) and Ashley Carpenter and Sydney Brunson scored 1 point apiece. Alvernon scored 10 points to lead Andalusia.

#### 12 AND UNDER GIRLS

##### ANDALUSIA 5

The Elba All-Stars fell behind early and saw a late rally fall far short as they were defeated Friday night in Geneva in opening round action by the Andalusia All-Stars 25-13. The All-Stars could get nothing to drop in the opening two quarters and trailed 17-0 at the half, but came to life in the second half and outscored Andalusia 13-12 over the final two quarters, but still lost 25-13.

Whitney Sasser scored 4 points to lead Elba, while Leigh-Anne Flowers added 3 points and Stephanie Broxley, Amanda Pope and Gale Olsen all added 2 points. Andalusia was led by Terrimica McNeil with 11 points.

#### 10 AND UNDER BOYS

##### GREENVILLE 38

##### ELBA 13

The Elba All-Stars fell behind early and saw numerous rallies fall short. Friday night in Geneva as they were defeated by the Greenville All-Stars 28-21. The All-Stars trailed 13-0 following one quarter after Greenville surprised Elba by connecting on three three-pointers, but Elba rallied and pulled within 13-7 early in the second stanza. That was as close as Elba would get, however, as Greenville answered every Elba rally and ran away with the win.

Jordan Flowers scored 8 points to lead Elba, while Trey Martin and Derrick Jackson both added 4 points and Rob Sanders scored 2. Scoring 1 point were Chase Boutwell, Don Rhodes and Aaron Jacobs. Nicholas Albritton scored 12 points to lead Greenville.

#### 12 AND UNDER BOYS

##### ANDALUSIA 39

##### ELBA 20

The Elba All-Stars fell behind big in the opening half and saw a late rally fall far short Saturday morning in Greenville as they were ousted from tournament play by the Andalusia All-Stars 39-20. LaRay Williams scored 3 points in the second stanza for Elba, but it was the only points the All-Stars could muster over the entire half, as Andalusia pulled out to a big 21-3 half-time advantage. Andalusia extended its lead to 35-9 by quarter four, and although Elba staged a furious fourth quarter rally, it was too little, too late, as they suffered the 39-20 loss.

LaRay Williams scored 9 points to lead Elba, while Lonzo Cooks added 4 and Andrew Stoudemire, Reynar Rogers and Stefan Burks all added 2. Lamar Ware also scored 1 point. Andalusia was led by Robby Evans with 19 points.

### VARSITY & JUNIOR VARSITY BASEBALL & SOFTBALL SCHEDULES

#### BASEBALL

##### THURSDAY, MARCH 9

McKenzie at Brantley

##### FRIDAY, MARCH 10

Elba at Luverne

##### SATURDAY, MARCH 13

Kinston at Straughn

##### TUESDAY, MARCH 14

Red Level at Elba

Opp at Kinston

New Brockton at Geneva

#### SOFTBALL

##### THURSDAY, MARCH 9

New Brockton JV at Elba JV

(3:30)

New Brockton at Elba (4:30)

Straughn at Brantley

Goshen JV at Zion Chapel JV

(4:00)

Goshen at Zion Chapel (4:00)

##### MONDAY, MARCH 13

Zion Chapel JV at G.W. Long JV

(4:00)

##### TUESDAY, MARCH 14

Elba JV at Luverne JV (4:00)

Straughn at New Brockton (4:00)

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# Community News

### Rep. Spicer and Sen. Holley present checks to county schools

On Friday, March 3, Alabama State Representative Terry Spicer and Alabama State Senator Jimmy Holley presented checks to the Coffee County Schools of Kinston, Zion Chapel and New Brockton. Rep. Spicer said the discretionary monies given to each school will be used to help in the funding of various programs throughout the school's system.



Pictured above from left to right are: Rep. Terry Spicer; Brittany Hunko, Zion Chapel Elementary School; Dennis Bushy, Kinston High School; and Sen. Jimmy Holley.



Pictured above from left to right are: Rep. Terry Spicer; Todd Grant, Zion Chapel Elementary School; Morgan Hodge, Zion Chapel High School; and Sen. Jimmy Holley.

Voting machines to be inspected March 14th

The voting machines for the Coffee County SPECIAL ELECTION to be held on March 14th will be tested on Tuesday, March 14, beginning at 1:30 p.m. The tests will be conducted at the Farm Center at the Coffee County Agricultural Complex in New Brockton. The general public is invited to attend. This testing is pursuant to title 17-24-7 and 17-24-9, Code of Alabama, 1975 as amended.

### Attention All!

The picture deadline for Little Miss, Jr. Miss and Miss Elba and Zion Chapel contestants is Friday, March 10.

The pictures are to be turned in to the Chamber office.

Also, all former Miss Elba's are encouraged to donate to the Miss Elba scholarship fund.

Adkinson recognized for WOW insurance sales production

Charlotte T. Adkinson, field representative of Woodmen of the World/Omaha Woodmen Life Insurance Society, has qualified for membership in the President's Clubs, National President John G. Bookout announced.

Adkinson's membership in the Millionaire Section of the President's Clubs is in recognition of outstanding insurance sales production and professionalism during the past year. Members of the Clubs will be guests of President Bookout at a meeting, June 29-July 2, in Washington, D.C.

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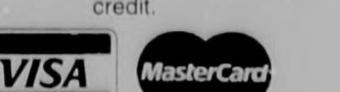
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## Elba picks up the trash around town



On Saturday, Feb. 26, many local residents joined the Elba Chamber of Commerce in cleaning up Elba. During the three hours of trash collecting, members of the Elba High School FFA planted trees around the square for the chamber as part of Alabama's plant a tree campaign, and members of the Elba Fire Department grilled hamburgers for all the hard workers. At Noon everyone gathered around the square to eat and share all the "dirty" details from the morning's endeavors.

After all was said and done, the day was deemed a wonderful success with approximately 117 bags of trash being picked up around the city.

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## Coffee County Commission fires county's chief real property appraiser

by Marvin McLain, Editor

The Coffee County Commission waited until after Monday's meeting, attending to two pressing matters - an employee's violation of county policy and a jail break.

Commission Chairman Kayo Lewis wasted little time, after attending to housekeeping matters (devotion, pledge, approval of the previous meeting minutes) in asking for a motion to dismiss the county's chief real property appraiser, Angela Byrd.

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"According to county policy, I'll have to ask for a motion to terminate Ms. Angela Byrd," said Lewis.

Commissioner Doug Dalrymple made the motion to terminate Ms. Byrd and Commissioner Linda Westbrook seconded it. There was no discussion and the commission voted unanimously in favor of the dismissal.

Ms. Byrd was stopped by a Coffee County Sheriff's Deputies on March 1 after a report of a vehicle matching the description of the white Jeep Cherokee being driven erratically. She was charged with DUI after failing to pass a field sobriety test.

Burns told commissioners he did not want this matter to get to this point stating that he felt that there are legal ramifications involved. He referred to a case in law involving the Winston County Commission in which the decision in that case said the commission did not have the authority to hire or fire an employee of the revenue commissioner or the revenue commissioner's office.

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"The question here is, is the commission her employer?" said Burns.

However, according to the Alabama Code of 1975, Act 102, employees in the offices of the probate judge, tax assessor and tax collector's office are county employees, except for the chief clerks in the respective offices.

On March 8, Ms. Byrd was suspended by her immediate supervisor, Coffee County Revenue Com-

missioner Ronnie Burns, for thirty days after the blood test sent to the independent lab produced a positive result. No information as to what drove, or if she, were found as a result of the blood test.

After the vote to dismiss Ms. Byrd was taken, Mr. Burns was given an opportunity to address the commission concerning the matter.

He began, "All of you I'm sure are aware of the things that have happened in the past week and a half and certainly I am. I wish the motion that you have made had not been made prior to me speaking to you. I have in my hand an attorney general's opinion. It says in that opinion, that the Coffee County Commission or any commission in the state of Alabama, doesn't have the right to hire or fire an employee of the revenue commissioner's office.

Angela Byrd

employees provided for in this act shall be employees of the county government bodies on a permanent basis other than the two chief clerks of the office holders of the offices of probate judge, tax assessor, tax collector and circuit clerk.

Office holders of the offices of probate judge, tax assessor, tax collector and circuit clerk shall make recommendations concerning their respective offices before vacancies or new positions are filled by the county governing bodies.

The circuit clerk's office has since been vacated from the provisions of Act 102.

Burns went on to say that he had to oppose the commission on this matter because he felt they had taken the authority away from him over his people or the people in the revenue commission's office.

"Whether it be right or wrong, what you have done it's not right in the aspect that you have terminated an employee that is not employed by you. She is employed by me, and she can be terminated by me," said Burns. He feels the law is very clear.

In addition to the escape charge placed against him Sunday, Cutts was already facing an escape charge for successfully breaking out of jail on May 31, 1998. On that occasion, he and two other inmates were free 48 hours before being captured by law enforcement officers.

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There had also been a report that the two fugitives had been seen along Al Hwy. 167 near Dale Co. just inside the Dale and Coffee county line. Units from the Enterprise Police Department and Coffee County Sheriff's Department had responded to the location when the report came in that Geneva County deputies had Cutts and Carr in custody.

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The two men were turned over to Coffee County Sheriff's deputies and were immediately taken to the Enterprise Courthouse for an arraignment hearing before Circuit Judge Carl L. McAliley. The two were charged with escape in the second degree and bail set at \$50,000.

Both men were returned to the Coffee County Jail and placed in isolation from the general population of the jail for an indefinite period of time.

Cuts is in jail facing capital murder charges in the 1998 slaying of both his mother and stepmother, Russell William Cutts Sr. and Leiphanne Manning Cutts.

Carr is charged with rape and sodomy both in the first degree and awaiting trial.

The man went hunting for most of the day Saturday and into the late evening. After the immediate search had concluded, law enforcement remained on alert for any reports or sightings of the two escapees.

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"I was not given an opportunity to speak to you on that point. You took it on yourselves to do what you've done this morning," said Burns.

The revenue commissioner addressed the commission several minutes repeating himself several times, on the point as to who had the authority to hire or fire the employees of his office.

He commented several times that he felt the action taken by the commission was politically motivated.

"I think it has been brought to this position by a select few members of this commission who are trying to make it tough not only for my employees but for me," said Burns. "I don't appreciate that. I think this is politics at its absolute dross."

Burns has been the focus of attention of the local news media, not only as a result of her DUI charge, but due to recent harassment charges stemming from two separate parking lot incidents that occurred in Enterprise.

In addition to the above incidents, Ms. Byrd was indirectly involved in another DUI charge against an individual, Anthony Brandt, who was illegally operating the 1998 Jeep Cherokee assigned to Ms. Byrd. Burns leases a residence with Ms. Byrd's Ex-husband.

On January 15, Brandt was stopped by Enterprise police while driving the Jeep Cherokee with a tag registered to another vehicle on it instead of the county tag. The county decal had also been removed from the vehicle. He was charged with DUI and unauthorized use of a vehicle. Ms. Byrd contend that she was unaware the vehicle had been taken by Brandt.

There have been some concerns as to Ms. Byrd's qualifications as the county's chief real property appraiser and her termination.

According to the Coffee County job description for real property appraisers in the county, they are required to attend real property certification program courses on Alabama's appraisal manual. Upon their completion of this requirement, they are to take certification exams at the first available time.

The search was successfully concluded Sunday afternoon much to the satisfaction of all Cutts and Carr.

Coffee County Sheriff Ben Moates said, "We're certainly glad to have gotten both inmates back into custody without any harm coming to anyone."

He added, "We feel confident that they are Cutts and Carr had no outside assistance. Had they had, they would have likely gotten further than they did."

The sheriff also said he would be making a request to the Alabama Commission, as he has in at least two previously documented occasions, that the weaknesses in the jail's security be corrected.

This project is partially funded with a matching fund disaster

able time. According to reports, Ms. Byrd has taken the exam on three occasions and has failed to pass. Her annual salary is in excess of \$41,000.

After Mr. Burns finished addressing the commission, he concluded, "I hope the people in this county trust what I do. I've always done the right thing and done it properly, and that is my intent here. I was never given that opportunity."

There was no response from the commission to Mr. Burns' remarks; however, during the general business from the commissioners, Commissioner Dalrymple commented that Mr. Burns was given the opportunity to address this matter with the commission prior to Monday's meeting.

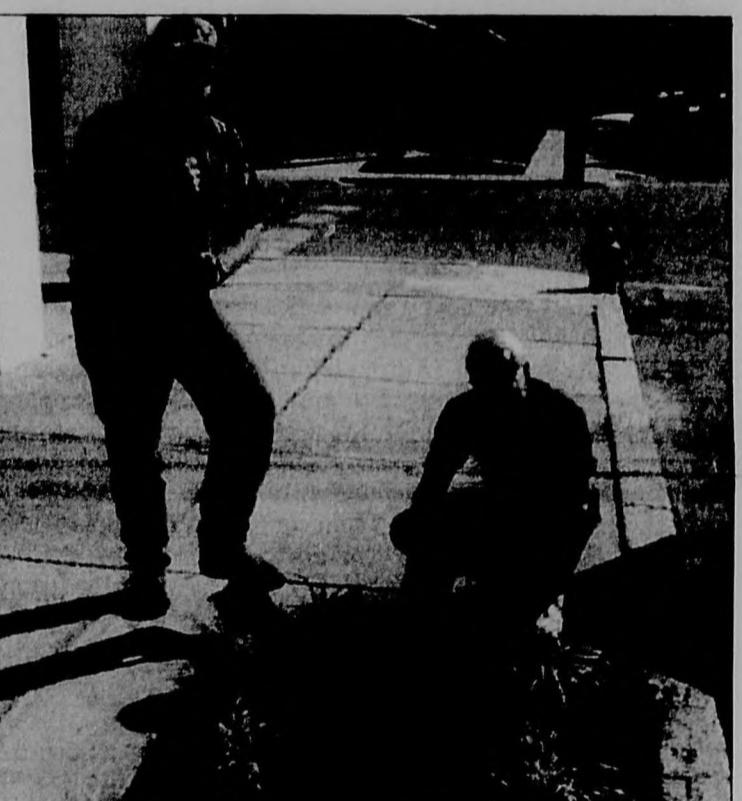
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break, Chairman Lewis commented that although the prisoners did escape through a vent and through the ceiling, they first had to get out of their jail cells. He noted that the prisoners were in two different cells.

Lewis expressed his concern that the two were able to get out of their cells, and he called for them to be placed with special screws, and enter what is being called a pluming chase making their way to the ceiling, and later to the ground and over the fence - all without being noticed by the correction staff.

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**FLOWERED SQUARES.** Mike McKee (standing) and Jimmy Harrison (kneeling) served as gardeners recently on the flower bed in front of the Elba Police Department. The plot in front of the police station was reworked so it could serve as an example for the remaining plots located in front of businesses all around the square. The Elba Chamber of Commerce is seeking sponsors for these plots. Any business, club, individual, etc. interested in sponsoring one of the flower beds is encouraged to contact the chamber office. Blooming flowers around the square is just one of the many ways the chamber is working to beautify Elba and the historic downtown square.

## City Council moves forward with improvement projects

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council moved another step closer to getting a critical need drainage project underway in Elba Monday evening when the authorized Maynard Grimes to seek bids on construction of the \$500,000 first phase of the project. This project is partially funded with a matching fund disaster

recovery grant and is designed to improve drainage problems on Putman Avenue and Main Street King Drive. The second phase will be funded with a supplemental matching fund disaster recovery grant for asphalt mix; \$1,680 for annual pest control in city buildings and \$1,350 for rental on the NCIC machine at the police department.

Whitworth reported to the council that the County Commission reversed their action of two weeks ago and approved a \$750 monthly payment to Elba to assist in the funding of the additional 911 radio operators in the police department.

A monthly summary of Elba Police Department activities show a large disparity in the number of traffic tickets and warnings issued by van

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**NOTICE**

Effective immediately, the Coffee County Emergency Communications Board can be reached at (334) 894-1305. Matters dealing with the county's Enhanced 911 system, as well as requests for new or existing addresses or concerning the 911 database should be directed to this number. Police Chief R.W. Whitworth added that several recent arrests made on his recent rounds and that he will encourage his officers to step up the enforcement of the noise ordinance. The council agreed this was the way this problem should be handled.

## Area Happenings

**MILITARY BENEFITS.** Chapel services will be held March 10 at the First Baptist Church of Elba. All veterans, spouses and dependents are invited to attend.

**EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION.** The Elba Chamber of Commerce will hold educational presentations on March 10 and 11 at the Elba Community Room. The presentations will cover their child's birth certificate, social security card, driver's license, birth certificate, etc.

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